

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Monteith or Spinnbau in view the Su 798.

Also, the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that claims 3-4 and 8-9, as well as claims 11-22 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to become independent and to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In connection with the Examiner's formal rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, applicant has amended all claims exactly in compliance with the Examiner's requirements.

It is therefore believed that the Examiner's grounds for the formal rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 should be considered as no longer tenable and should be withdrawn.

Claims 11-22 should be considered as allowable, since they no longer contain the objectionable language which was the reason for the Examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In connection with the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 3-5 and 8-9, these claims have been canceled and replaced with new independent claims 23, 24, 25, and 26 correspondingly, which contain the features of the canceled allowable claims.

It is therefore believed that these claims should be considered as being in allowable condition.

Applicant also submitted another independent claim 27 which combines some features of the original claims 1 and 8.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 27 also clearly and patentably distinguish the present invention from the prior art.

As for claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the patent to Spinnbau discloses press or a method of pressing for rolling carded fiber fleece and other materials. Only one embodiment shown in Figure 6 deals

with bending of metal sheets. The reference does not disclose a bending over a first curvature course, and a reverse bending back on an expanded curvature course.

It is therefore believed that this reference does not teach the new features of the present invention as defined in claim 1.

The patent to Monteith discloses a machine in which individual elements are bent through two times for rollers to a predetermined radius. The double structure is required to bring also the ends of the blanks to the radius. It is further disclosed that the apparatus must be passed through by each longitudinal strip, to obtain a maximum stress-free sheet metal bar. It is however clear that in this apparatus no cutting edges for cutting the sheet metal bars from an endless band can be incorporated. The sheet metal bars must forcedly be brought to their proper length before the bending. It is therefore believed that this reference taken singly or in combination with the SU 756 does not disclose and does not make obvious the new features of the present invention as defined in claim 1.



The new features of the present invention which are defined in claim 27 are also not disclosed in any of the references applied against the original claims.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 27 should also be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art and should also be allowed.

As for the dependent claims, these claims depend on claim 1, they share its presumably allowable features, and therefore it is respectfully submitted that they should be allowed as well.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be

helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

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